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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/226,597

Applicant(s): JULIO PIMENTEL Filing Date: JANUARY 17, 1999

For: WEIGHT CONTROL USING AN ANTI-LIPASE ANTIBODY

Group No.: 1641 Examiner: GABEL

SIR:

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RESPONSE/REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME/EXECUTED DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

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In response to the Official Action dated June 28, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain active in the application. Undersigned counsel thanks Examiner Gabel for an interview on October 23, 2001, summarized below. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The present invention relates to a method for inhibiting the amount of body weight gained by an animal, by feeding it an effective amount of an antibody that binds to the enzyme lipase.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 135 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for not enabling a person skilled in the art to make or use the claimed invention.